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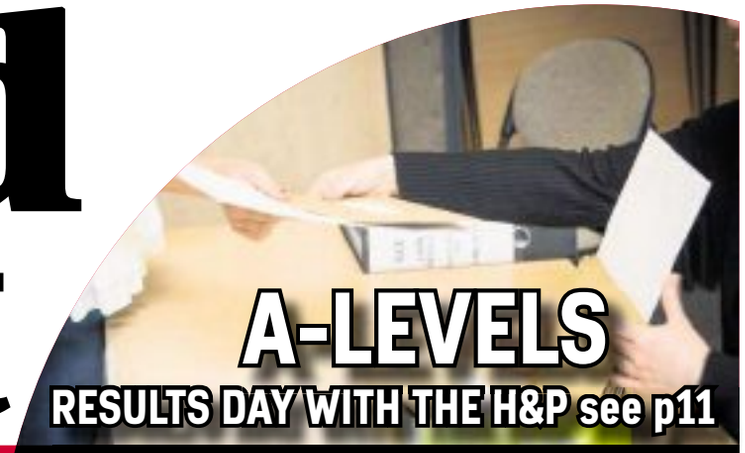

A-LEVELS

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Tragedy in Thai sea

MY BEAUTIFUL BRYONY: Sophie Freestone has paid a heartfelt tribute to her twin sister (left), who lost her life last Sunday on Koh Chang island

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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A teenage girl from Northants has died after drowning in rough seas off the coast of an island in Thailand.

Bryony Freestone, 19, of Little Houghton, was in the waters off Koh Chang last Sunday when the tragedy struck.

Volunteers arrived at the White Sand resort to find the former Wollaston School pupil unconscious on the beach.

But despite performing CPR, rushing her to a nearby clinic and trying for two hours to save her life, she died.

And just 24 hours earlier, the very same waters claimed the life of a 55-year-old German tourist, despite red flags warning people not to enter the sea.

Bryony, who was a University of Exeter student, had arrived on the island a day earlier to enjoy a short break, following an expedition in Cambodia aimed at protecting oceans.

In a heartfelt tribute, her grieving twin sister, Sophie, posted a picture of the pair on social media, along with the message: "There's nothing I wouldn't give to have you back. My beautiful Bryony."

■ Read the full story on p7

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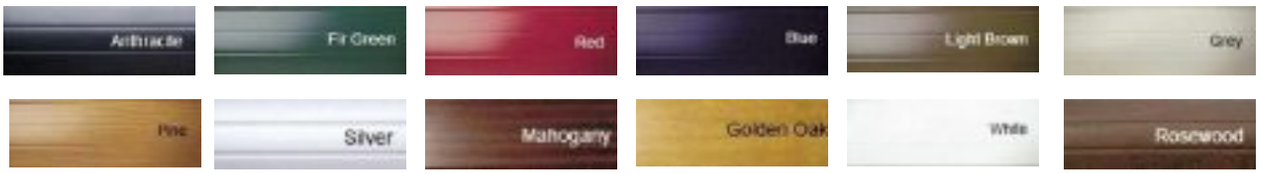

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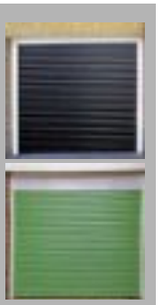

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text 2 text

This week's Txt 2 Txt is with Gemma Dearsley who works at the Lighthouse Centre in Northampton

Where is your favourite spot in the world?

I love being outside with nature, and listening to the sea

What was the last thing you broke?

Does a nail count?

If Gemma Dearsley was a drink what drink would she be?

Pink Champagne

What was the name of your teddy bear when you were a child?

Big Ted (very original)

What is your favourite sandwich?

Ham salad with red onion.

Which song makes you emotional or makes you cry?

Lots of them for different reasons.

Who is the most famous person you have met face to face?

Kate Middleton when I was on my friends hen party at Ascot.

What is the one thing which you want to get back?

My grandparents (I was 2 1/2 when mum's mum died and 4 1/2 when her dad died

Editor's Letter

Fear not my fellow A-level flops: this is still adventure time

It's a life changing day for many teenagers: A-level results day.

We're going to be hearing a lot about the best results, and well done to all those who got the grades they were looking for.

In honour of my own modest achievements at A-level, I like to spend this time of year sparing a thought for those who fell off the academic ski-lift at this point and are floundering in the slush of fear and confusion.

We've got a few pieces going online with the important information: where to go to spend the evening drinking responsibly; how to go about finding a university place through clearing or perhaps contacting a college to retake your exams.

We've also got a live blog updating with results from our schools so we can all enjoy the success of the successful students living their successful lives successfully.

You can practice congratulating them and taking an interest in how many stars they got next to their triple A.

However, my fellow A-level flops, I am here to tell you that all is not lost. It is far from lost.

> ‘You will never be as well equipped for adventure as you are right now’

Probably the most important thing to remember is that you will never be as well equipped for adventure as you are right now.

As you go through life you will pick up debt and responsibilities like an investment banker picks up debt and no responsibility.

Don't let a few dodgy exam results dampen your ambition - how you react to them and overcome this problem will tell you more about yourself than exam grades ever could anyway.

Go and be spectacular, do it with panache and then spell it correctly. Also, learn to make a decent cup of tea and above all good luck - it matters more than anything.

Steve Scoles

■ UoN ready for clearing p11

NEWS IN BRIEF

Knife threat

Two 13-year-old boys were threatened with a knife and told to empty their pockets by a 17-year-old boy in Abington, Northampton, on July 26.

But as the boys had no money on them, the offender left empty haanded.

£500k mission

A scrutiny panel agreed to allow Northampton Borough Council to set aside £500,000 of taxpayers' money to try to recover the £10.25 million it loaned to the Cobblers in a public barred meeting last Friday. *See more online.*

Corbyn backed

The Northampton, Wellingborough and South Northants Labour parties have voted for Jeremy Corbyn to remain the national party's leader, rather than his challenger MP Owen Smith.

Prisoner dies

A prisoner from Northampton has died after being found hanged in his cell at Woodhill Prison in Milton Keynes. Daniel Dunkley was found on July 29 before being rushed to hospital, where he died on August 2.

Papa John's plan

Pizza chain Papa John's has submitted plans to Northampton Borough Council to transform the former Taverna Romana bar/restaurant in Bridge Street in Northampton town centre into a Papa John's takeaway.

Flocking to sales? Sheep ram shops

EWE MUST BE JOKING: Passers-by were amused as the sheep caused mayhem

A flock of sheep brought a busy road in Wellingborough to a standstill at the weekend - even ramming a retail park in the process - to the amusement of stunned onlookers.

The escaped herd of around 10 flocked to London Road on Sunday afternoon, causing long delays for motorists around them, before deciding to turn into the Castlefields Retail Park car park.

Sparking fear among pun-lovers of a 'ram-raid' police eventually - with the help of firefighters and members of the public - managed to safely rescue them.

This didn't stop the 'baa-baric' puns with Facebook users 'bleating' about it on the Wellingborough Now and Then page.

MP puts on cap to flip burgers

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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An MP swapped his suit and tie for a Burger King uniform to flip burgers at the fast food giant's new restaurant.

Michael Ellis, MP for Northampton North, officially opened the new branch at the former Eastgate pub in Abington Street in Northampton town centre at 9.30am on Monday.

After opening the 110-seater eatery, Mr Ellis - who was recently made the deputy leader of the House of Commons - donned the chain's uniform, complete with cap.

The MP then started a short shift with a stint behind the tills, during which he admits he 'pressed all of the wrong buttons'.

With the help of a member of staff, he then put together an 'egg and cheese croissan'wich'.

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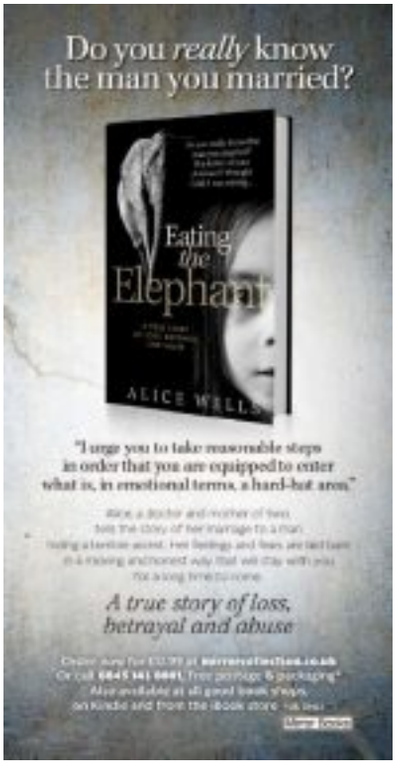

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Father's appeal

The family of missing Kettering teenager Veronica Sbircea have urged her to return home.

The 15-year-old disappeared on July 21, and police believe she is now staying in London.

Her father, Anton, said: "Our family cares and is waiting for you to come back home."

Fields on fire

Firefighters rushed to three field fires in a space of just four hours on Tuesday.

The biggest blaze took place next to the A45 between Rushden and Wellingborough. The others took place in Briar Hill, Northampton, and Upper Catesby near Daventry.

Let the great antique hunt begin

Reporter Lawrence John got up at 4am to go on a antique hunt in Lincolnshire

TREASURE TROVE: Some of the goodies waiting to be discovered at Lincolnshire Showground

Getting up at 4am on a Monday morning is not my idea of a good way to start the week but this is what you have to do if you are a keen antique hunter.

My latest trip took me to the Lincolnshire Showground to attend a antique and homes show run by Arthur Swallow.

The fair, which started in 1995, has grown to become one of the largest events of its kind in Europe.

I had to get up early to drive the one and a half hours to get to the grounds outside Lincoln by 7am in preparation for the gates opening at 8am.

This was a two day fair, but I was only attending on the first day. After you have arrived and parked you will then need to buy a wristband from one of the kiosks to get into the fair.

My tips on antique hunting is: set yourself a cash limit to spend and stick to it; buy what you like or what you collect but make sure it is in good condition; make sure you know if you are buying original or reproduction; if you go outside your comfort zone or knowledge base then get as much information as you can from the seller and have fun, haggling - it is all part of the dance.

Once inside the fair you never know what will be on sale from table to table or at the next stall or what will be around the next corner.

It is a case of keeping your eyes peeled as you walk around looking at the items on the floor, on the tables or as you rummage through boxes.

This fair is very friendly and while there is lots to see it does not feel so large you think will get lost or never see everything.

One of the buyers I met was Bryan Jones who has been in the antique trade for the past two years. It is something he enjoys doing as he has retired and he buys items he likes and then sells them on.

On the day I went I saw many quirky items. One was a small filing cabinet which had been re-modelled to look like Dr Who's Tardis. Very clever and for the right owner a snip at £120 or less if you haggled.

Among the other items were a tandem bicycle, a huge icecream cone and flake which probably used to be outside a shop, and a large disco ball. I had a fun day at the antique fair and in total spent £50.

If you want to have antique hunting fun then the next two day Arthur Swallow fair is at the Lincolnshire Showground on October 10 and 11. For ticket information and opening hours visit www.asfairs.com or call 01298 27493.

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New retail park planned for town

REVEALED: How the site behind Tesco could look

Plans for a new retail park in Towcester have been unveiled by the town's Tesco Superstore, as part of a bid to prevent residents from shopping in nearby Northampton or Milton Keynes.

The retailer put the proposal on display inside its store in Old Tiffield Road last Wednesday to show to customers before it submits the application to South Northamptonshire Council in the coming weeks.

The development, if given the go ahead, would be built on land behind the supermarket and include five retail units, two restaurants and a fast food outlet which is likely to be KFC.

Teen was on trip to protect ocean

TRAVELS: Geography student Bryony Freestone was a keen traveller. Inset, White Sand Beach.

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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A 19-year-old girl who lost her life in the rough seas off the coast of Thailand had been on a conservation expedition to save the ocean.

University of Exeter student Bryony Freestone, from Little Houghton, near Northampton, tragically drowned while in the waters off White Sand Beach in Koh Chang on Sunday.

The former Wollaston School pupil had been staying on the island - the second largest in Thailand - having a short break with some other students from her university.

They had all been on a month-long expedition - called 'FXCambodia' - in nearby Cambodia, where they carried out research on the effects of illegal trawling on seagrass.

Bryony, who was a twin, was the expedition's fundraising officer and raised more than £700 - allowing the group to set off for the trip on June 27 which was detailed in a series of updates on their Facebook page.

On this page in April a 'meet the team' post saw Bryony introduce herself as a lover of the 'great outdoors', and how she had been 'lucky enough' to visit Kenya and gain an insight into elephant and rhino conservation.

She also said her 'love of surfing' inspired her interest in the importance of protecting oceans, adding: "I can't wait to discover more about this and understand its wider implications for people in Cambodia this summer!"

As well as her twin sister the student, who had been living in Falmouth, Cornwall, leaves behind her mum and dad.

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Carmela Soreno Hayes

The cooking author's playlist

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Rock a Hula Baby
Elvis Presley
I always wanted to be his girl and shake my maracas like in the movie Blue Hawaii.

Flavours of the Old School
Beverley Knight
Early memories when my husband and I met.

You Wanna Be Americano
Sophia Loren
Every Italian redheaded girl wanted to be Sophia Loren, I still do!!

Yesterday
En Vogue
My sister and I would sit in the back of my parents' car thinking we could sing beautifully.

Buy a piece of Greyfriars rubble

£39 a rock

Salvaged rubble from Northampton's iconic Greyfriars bus station - which crumbled to the ground in an explosive demolition last year - will be sold to the public this weekend.

A limited edition of 51 'unique gems' - each housed in a luxury box and seated on a bespoke cushion - will go on sale from 2pm on Saturday at the NN Contemporary Art gift shop on Guildhall Road.

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Saints stars open Jeylato's

CHEERS: Saints players Tom Wood (left), Alex Waller (centre) and Mike Haywood enjoy their sundaes

A family-run business which has been likened to an 'Aladdin's Cave' - has opened a new ice cream bar to mark its 35th year.

Jeyes of Earls Barton, which consists of a chemist, gift shop, coffee shop and museum, added Jeylato's to its attraction on Monday with the help of Northampton Saints captain Tom Wood, prop Alex Waller and hooker Mike Haywood who were tasked with cutting the ribbon to officially open it, before signing autographs for visitors.

The rugby stars were also asked to create their own ice cream sundaes from the 10 flavours which include candy floss crush and bubble gum.

The idea for the bar is the brainchild of grandmother-of-five Georgina Jeyes, who runs the business with her husband David, and two daughters, Philippa and Anna.

Memorial bench petition rejected

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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A petition calling for a memorial bench in tribute to four friends who died in a car crash has been rejected by the council, despite it gaining more than 1,000 signatures - the most since 2003.

Brogan Warren, Sam Kay, Nicoletta Tocco and Krop Jones - who were all in their 20s and from Northampton - died on May 22 following a head-on collision in Oxfordshire, while returning from a festival in Bristol.

Their deaths sparked an outpouring of tributes to the popular group all over the town, with hundreds gathering at Delapre Lake - where the four friends often camped out - to hold a vigil and set up a shrine.

But after a warden for Northampton Borough Council removed the selection of flowers, which had been left just 48 hours earlier - due to a 'complaint' from a member of the public - the victims' friends were left outraged. As a result a friend of the group, Georgia Mae, decided to set up a petition calling on the local authority to place a memorial bench at the lake, which ended up receiving 1,139 signatures.

But on Tuesday the 20-year-old received a response from the council's cabinet member for environment, Alan Bottwood, saying the petition had been refused. He said he would, however, be open to talks to place one in a 'safe and appropriate location'.

Georgia said: "The main reason we wanted this memorial bench is because this town has lost four very beautiful souls. It is not just the fact that the council has messed up the memorial and created more pain.

"I am pretty disgusted to be honest about this. The least we want from them now is to meet us on the middle ground. The best thing would be them to accept this, pay for it and put it there themselves. We haven't asked for much."

Police thank cadet

An air cadet was paid a surprise visit by police this week who thanked him for his actions at a collision scene in the town earlier in the day.

Cadet Shaquille Bartley of Wellingborough's 378 (Mannock) Squadron Air Training Corps was paid the visit by members of Wellingborough Police's Safer Communities Team.

PCSOs Chris Asante and Phil Dobson had dropped in to the Squadron HQ to praise Shaquille on his quick thinking and assistance to the victims of the accident.

At the crash scene, Bartley had offered support to those involved and ensured the scene was safe until the emergency services arrived.

Social worker plan

Northamptonshire County Council has successfully applied to be part of a public sector mentoring project to look at ways to improve the retention of children's social workers.

In March, Ofsted recognised there had been improvements in the county council's children's services, but there was still work to do.

Northants has now been approved to join the Design in the Public Sector development programme to look at the recruitment and retention of children's social workers as the department begins its transition into a children's trust.

The county has one of the highest proportions of children's social care agency staff (43 per cent) in the country.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Judges at the 'Chef of the Year' final and (inset) Peter Saunders from category sponsor Booker watches young chef Marcus Franklin in action

This year's shortlist for best chefs in county

The county's top chefs have been doing battle in this year's Carslberg Food and Drink Awards.

After several cook-off competitions and a record number of entries a group of finalists has been settled on in both the adult and young chef categories.

The winners will be announced at the CFDA dinner at Northants County Cricket Ground in November.

The finalists competing for the senior title at Northampton College had to prepare a dish from a list of ingredients including local produce such as rapeseed oil from Farrington Oils at Hargrave, Skiver goats' cheese from Nene View Dairy at Stanwick and elderflower vodka from Brixworth's Jelley Distilleries. They also had to demonstrate technical skills in sea-bass preparation.

They were (in alphabetical order):

Shane Clarke from 185 Watling Street, Towcester

Ondine Hartgroves from Live & Let Live, Harpole

Carl Long from Barton Hall Hotel & Vines Brasserie, Kettering

William Mountain from The Saracen's Head, Lt. Brington

Paul Vant from The Three Cranes, Gt. Cransley

Grant Wentzel from Rose & Crown Bistro, Yardley Hastings

Dan Hall of TMI Foods, which co-sponsored the senior category said: "As a former chef myself, I was really impressed by the way in which all the finalists performed under the pressure and created such imaginative and delicious dishes from the ingredients they were given. It was a real treat to watch them in action."

The young chefs, whose category is sponsored by Booker, have one last cook-off to decide a winner at Tresham College in Corby.

They are:

Markus Franklin from The Plough @ Shutlanger, Shutlanger

Mae Jackson from Sol Y Lunas Tapas, Northampton

Sebastian McLean from Old House at Home, Northampton

Christian Young from Castello Lounge, Wellingborough

Edyta Zieba from The White Hart, Flore

The results are in for A Level pupils

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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Thousands of would-be students are expected to call the University ofNorthampton this week after A Level results are revealed today.

Last year, the university took more than 3,000 telephone calls and offered in excess of 900 places on its degree courses through the Clearing process – which lets applicants find courses which haven't been filled for the new academic year.

Applicants may have a variety of reasons for applying for a course via Clearing, including not getting the grades they needed for the courses they had originally applied for, applying late for a course, or if they are a mature student.

Hundreds of potential students are also expected to visit the university's open day on Saturday.

This will provide potential applicants with an opportunity to visit the two campuses, meet academics and obtain advice and guidance on a range of issues from module choice, funding and accommodation.

A change in personal circumstances forced Jo Pennell to abandon her plans to study at a university 200 miles from her Northampton home – but thanks to Clearing, she was able to follow her passion and study on her doorstep instead.

A bereavement derailed her plans – but instead of putting her dreams of university life on hold, Jo turned to the University of Northampton, liked what she saw, and enrolled on an International Development and Human Geography joint honours course in 2015.

Jo said: "I wasn't expecting to come through Clearing, as I had received my grades for my access course. I needed to be close to home so I applied to the University of Northampton via Clearing, and found the process so easy and stress free.

To register visit www.northampton.ac.uk/events/open-day-20-august/.

The university's Clearing hotline 01604 214 808 opens at 8am on Thursday. Also visit www.northampton.ac.uk/clearing

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Filofax

Terry Doyle, the founder of NNBC - a new radio station in the town which goes live in the next couple of months - says he must have his filofax.

He said: "I find technology overwhelming, so if I have this diary I can write things down and visibly see what is planned. I also find writing entries makes it more real, and I use a highlighter as well to remind me what's coming up."

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Welcome to our regular feature where we invite people to tell us who we should follow on Twitter and why. Tweet us @NorthamptonUK and you will see the best ones here.

Fiancial advisers Clark and John FSL tweeted: "We are relatively new to Twitter and would love a follow from other locals."

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BLOGGER OF THE WEEK
We need unitary status

Cllr Nazim Choudary

This week's blogger of the week is Cllr Nazim Choudary, Labour, who represents St Davids ward on Northampton Borough Council

What happened to all the hype on unitary status for Northampton? A few months ago the political establishment in Northampton got themselves really excited believing local government reorganisation was back on the agenda. Now this unitary status talk has disappeared.

For the past twenty five years it has been a long running frustration that unlike other large urban areas Northampton does not have unitary status. Unitary status is where there is just one council for the area that does everything rather than having two councils (a borough council and a county council) that deliver different services.

Northampton Borough Council and Northamptonshire County Council have never really seen eye to eye, even when they have been controlled by the same political party.

I am biased but it is usually the county council's fault!

Leicester, Derby and Milton Keynes were granted unitary status in 1997. Bedford in 2009. These places now have one council to deliver joined up and integrated public services. They have just one set of councillors. Here in Northampton we have two sets of politicians, borough councillors and county councillors. The present two tier system is wasteful and out dated.

Anybody must surely see that having just one council rather than two means less bureaucracy and more efficiency.

So as unitary status for Northampton falls away from the headlines once again those of us who believe it is the way forward must continue to make the case.

Northampton should have a unitary council with town boundaries extended to include Grange Park and Buckton Fields.

What do you think?
Email your letters to letters@hpnorthants.co.uk

Your views

Readers not keen on buying a piece of Greyfriars bus station

This week we reported *(see p8)* that pieces of rubble from the site of Northampton's former Greyfriars bus station - which was demolished last year - are being sold at a gift shop this weekend for £39 each.

But it appears our readers aren't so keen on the idea.

Here's how they reacted on Facebook:

ALASTAIR LEITH: I would pay for a piece of a lanc, or saturn v rocket. But not that bloody eyesore. Why not glue them back together to build the station back up. It served a good purpose, little advantage in knocking it down.

DEBBIE DUNCAN: Recognisable fixtures or fittings or a whole brick maybe.....But these "gems"? You're having a giraffe.

CALLUM BEAL: I'd buy a bit.....only to blow it up again...

NICHOLAS RODNEY CHAPLIN: What mug will want to?

SUE GARNER: What? Why??

NICK BULL: Wow...can't wait!

SHEILAPETER PITT: Who on earth wants to buy a bit of that it was an eyesore.

STEVE DINES: Some of us can remember when all this stuff was just raw materials before the bus station was built.

DAVID MILLARD: A desperate cash grabbing exercise?????

STUART MILLICAN: Just go get a bit for free, just get it through the fence

ADAM READER: Yippee want a bit.....not

Lunchtime Life

Everyday life's little curiosities snapped this week. Send yours to news@hpnorthants.co.uk

DRAUGHTON: Grade II listed telephone box

LITTLE HOUGHTON: Teddy bear dressed up as a police officer

LITTLE HOUGHTON: Fence panel transformed into artwork

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Maureen's life in the M1 fast lane

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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A member of a motorway service team has been praised for her outstanding customer service after working at the M1 site for 35 years.

Maureen King, who was given the long service award, took a permanent role at Roadchef's Northampton Motorway Service Area (MSA) in 1981 and excelled in her role, particularly during the afternoon shifts.

Her strong managerial skills were recognised early on and she quickly became team leader at the site's restaurant, before ascending the ladder once again to become assistant restaurant manager.

Last year, Maureen took on an overall supervisor role for Fresh Food Cafe Southbound, where she continues to provide expert counsel to other team members.

During her career with the company she has helped serve food to millions of motorists travelling up and down the country, working across a total of four restaurants at the site.

LEADER: Simon Turl gives Maureen King her long service award

Maureen said: "I've been at Roadchef Northampton for most of my working life and it's a real honour to receive this award.

"I'll be celebrating this achievement with the team at my favourite karaoke spot!"

Simon Turl, CEO of Roadchef, who presented Maureen with her award, added: "The longevity of Maureen's career is testament to how hard she works.

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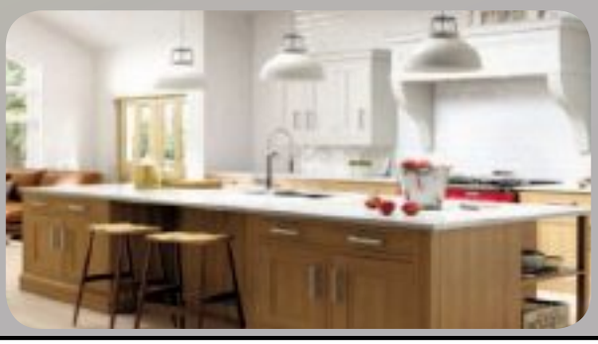

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BUMPER CROWD: Thousands of people are expected to attend the three-day event

Balloon Festival takes to the sky

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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Northampton's annual balloon festival gets underway at Billing Aquadrome this weekend - with more than 40 hot air balloons expected to take to the skies on the event's 27th year.

The popular three-day event will take off, weather permitting, at 6am tomorrow - starting with the 'morning flight' - and will run until Sunday.

During the event - which attracted 34,000 visitors last year - there will be morning and evening flights, a question and answer session with pilots and crews, a kite display, a 'spectacular night glow' and more.

The night glow will be among the highlights of the weekend, where people can watch the balloons turn into 'giant lanterns' tethered to the ground, pulsating to the music.

The full schedule is as follows:

■ **Friday**

6am: Morning flight; 10am: Icarus Falconry flying display; 11am: Kite display; 2pm: Tethering plus questions and answers from the pilots and crews; 3pm: Icarus Falconry flying display; 4pm: Kite display; 6pm: Evening flight

■ **Saturday**

6am: Morning flight; 10am: Icarus Falconry flying display; 11am: Kite display; Noon: Dizzy Duck lunchtime fun – dance and games; 1pm: Tethering plus questions and answers from the pilots and crews; 2pm: Kite display; 3pm: Big Bubble Show; 4pm: Icarus Falconry flying display; 4.30pm: Big Bubble Show; 6pm: Evening flight; 9pm: Spectacular night glow

■ **Sunday**

6am: Morning flight; 10am: Icarus Falconry flying display; 11am: Kite display; Noon: Dizzy Duck lunchtime fun – dance and games; 1pm: Tethering plus questions and answers from the pilots and crews; 2pm: Kite display; 3pm: Big Bubble Show; 4pm: Icarus Falconry flying display; 4.30pm: Kite display; 6pm: Evening flight

Entrance to the event is £10 for a car that seats up to four passengers. An adult ticket is £5, or £3 for children. These can be bought on the day.

Details of the balloons attending the festival and other information about the event can be found by visiting www.thenorthamptonballoonfestival.co.uk.

The case of. . .calling for everyone to have free wifi

Lawrence John

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Is ignorance bliss? Or bliss ignorance? You be the judge as opposed to 'here comes the judge' in Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In - 140 episodes if you are so keen. . .sold to the mystery buyer at the back of the room.

Can you truly judge a book by it's cover?

I quote Groucho Marx who said: "From the moment I picked up your book until I put it down, I was convulsed with laughter. Some day I intend reading it."

I guess you got your answer there smarty pants! Liar, liar, pants on fire.

As opposed to the proof of the pudding is in the eating . . .I guess you can eat any pudding and if you never see it again you have a hit. . . bonsai boys.

I want a no fly zone in place in my house. . .that means I do not want any flies flying in and buzzing around. I only have to open a window and I can guarantee you in five minutes or less in will come a fly. . .buzz, buzz. . .and I will be shouting what the hell . . .where did you come from?

I am unable to explain why these flies, who have the whole world to fly in want to fly into my personal space - the final frontier, to boldly go where no fly has gone before.

The signs go up next week . . .buzz off. . .don't all buzz in and not Buzz Aldrin.

The buzz in life is made worse without wifi. . .I think, no I believe, wifi should be free. Free to do what I want any old time. This is not just a statement but should be a fact.

I believe it should be out there for us all to use. We should be able to connect on, connect in, connect, be connected and connect up. It is connect five, it should be free for the whole world.

A 21st century where we get free wifi should be possible.

In a speech by JFK he said: "We meet at a college noted for knowledge, in a city noted for progress, in a state noted for strength, and we stand in need of all three, for we meet in an hour of change and challenge, in a decade of hope and fear, in an age of both knowledge and ignorance. The greater our knowledge increases, the greater our ignorance unfolds."

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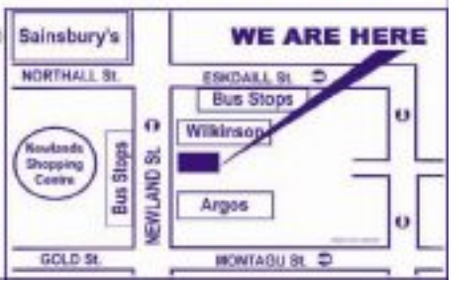

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Michael and I would love to thank all of our customers for the last 25 years and look forward to the next years of trading in Wellingborough and around Northamptonshire.

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TO COOL FOR DROOL: Sam Leakey's Staffordshire Bull Terrier cross Gianfranco Zola completes the course

Northamptonshire is home to the world's largest agility festival.

Run by the Kennel Club of Great Britain, the International Agility Festival was held at Rockingham Castle from last Thursday until Sunday.

In total 17 countries took part with more than 2,900 dogs competing from Great Danes to Chihuahuas.

The event, which has been running for 12 years, has called Rockingham Castle (near Corby) home for the last three years.

An agility course is very much like a showjumping course but smaller. It has similar rules where by each dog has to complete the course without knocking anything over or off and do it in the fastest time.

There are various fences to jump, obstacles to cross and poles to weave in and out.

A number of competitors from the county took part including Sam Leakey from Wellingborough and her nine-year-old crossbreed Staffordshire Bull Terrier called Gianfranco Zola.

Chelsea fan Sam believes her dog is a legend like the footballing star. They have been involved in agility classes for about eight years.

Sam said: "Getting involved in it is addictive as it takes over your weekends and your life, but it is worth it.

"I knew I had to do something with Zola as he has so much energy and this seemed perfect.

"I have reached what is called a level three and we have even got into the semi-final of the Starters Cup.

"But it is all about taking part."

Karen Wainwright from Irthlingborough took part with terrier cross rescue dog Bailey and Cavalier Cavachon Toby.

Karen said: "I started doing the agility with Bailey as he was very nervous about socialising and I thought it would help him.

"He had done the obedience classes and he had lots of energy so when we started this we both got hooked.

"My mum got a dog called Toby and asked me to train him so he joined me and Bailey. Bailey loves doing it while Toby seems to enjoy it but if he doesn't want to do it

time at festival

LEADING BY EXAMPLE: Mary Howarth with Tess

he won't." Mary Howarth from Kettering was there with three-year-old Tess, a Yorkshire Terrier/Poodle cross.

They have been involved in agility classes for 18 months.

She said: "When I got Tess I realised she was full of energy and I needed to do something to help her expend all her energy.

"This was when I decided to do the agility classes and it all started from there.

"We both enjoy taking part. If Tess did not want to do it then we would stop."

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Pokémon hunters get help

Northamptonshire business Autohome Assistance, the vehicle breakdown service, is offering hi-vis armbands, to all local Pokémon hunters.

Since the launch of Pokémon Go for smart phones, many members of the community have expressed their safety concerns for those playing the game..

Heather Robinson of Autohome Ltd said: "Safety and security of our members and their families has always been the number one priority for Autohome. This is why we do whatever we can to keep our customers safe and we also regularly take part in road safety initiatives, offer free car checks for our members and even give away ree hi-vis waistcoats to all our mobility scooter and European Service customers."

Together under their umbrellas

BY SEAN SILVER
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The Umbrella Fair was born in the 1990s when a group of local people involved in such groups as Friends of The Earth, Greenpeace, Amnesty International and CND joined together (under an umbrella) to work collaboratively to put on a festival.

This became the Umbrella Festival! It was about the environment and the planet (saving it) and promoting community. The energy to continue this year on year dissipated, and after a few years, the annual festival closed.

In 2006, the idea was revived, and a few of the original organisers gathered some new people together and the Umbrella Festival was reborn!

Initially, and with only 12 weeks' planning, we put together a small one day event, based around the bandstand on Abington Park. We returned there twice, but quickly realised we were outgrowing the chosen area as more elements to the festival were added. Today, we begin planning the next festival as we close the last, and we are on site for a week putting down the festival.

Fortuitously, the Balloon Festival as run by the Borough Council had come to its end on The Racecourse, so as we had good links with The Friends of The Racecourse and the agreement of the council, we transferred there. This of course gave us more opportunity to expand the offer of the festival. Still true to our founding principles, we grew! We wanted to promote awareness about the environment, from the world planet wide perspective to the impact of the individual here in Northampton. Recycle, re-use, up-cycle, educate about environmental issues, and promote community cohesion.

Bring community together in a peaceful and collaborative way. Believing we have more in common with each other than that which divides us. There is and has always been a strong thread of arts and culture within our wider team, and music and performance is a great way to bring people together! 11 perfomers are local, this keeps our carbon footprint small, but also importantly celelebrates and promote local talent! So with these various elements the festival developed. The festival has always been free to attend, and community based organisations can have a stall for free.

IN TENTS: The Umbrella Fair features 10 stages and more than 100 stalls this year

All of the folk who help put on the festival do so as volunteers, including all of the performers! This runs into hundreds! However, the festival does cost money to put on! In the region of £18,000! Security fencing, toilets; first aid; power (generators run on recycled chip oil); on site security; insurance staging and food for all the volunteers! We run a volunteers kitchen through the set up, festival weekend and take down period!

Over this period, we decided to extend our one day festival to two days and this year offer 10 performance areas catering for most musical tastes, and expect around 100 stalls!

■ There will be 130 local acts across its 10 stages including heavy metal, folk, spoken word, world music, cabaret, choirs, jazz plus many of Northampton's favourite bands on the Umbrella Stage. The festival often gives young performers their first taste of appearing in public on the youth stage.

The festival is entirely free, bring your own picnic or buy from delicious onsite caterers. No restrictions on site access.

The families area alone has dance workshops, children's theatre, a fancy dress parade themed around bees, relax kids, cardboard sculpture and a disco.

Sport award nominations

You can find out how to nominate people for the 2016 Northampton Sports Awards.

Northampton Leisure Trust (NLT) has announced the nominations criteria, giving the public a chance to make sure our local sporting heroes or the people who help to make sport happen are recognised for their work over the past 12 months. Check on the NLT website for more details about who can be nominated and how to do it. Winners are announced on October 20 at the Guildhall. There's more information at: www.trilogyleisure.co.uk/northampton-sports-awards

Macmillan coffee morning in the pub

The grandparents support group Granpart is holding a Macmillan coffee morning in a pub.

The Turnpike Beefeater in Weedon Road, Harpole, is the venue for the event which will feature the customary tea, coffee and cakes to raise money for the cancer nursing charity.

There will also be raffle and lucky dip prizes at the coffee morning being held from 10am to 1pm on Tuesday, September 20. Find out more at granpart.co.uk

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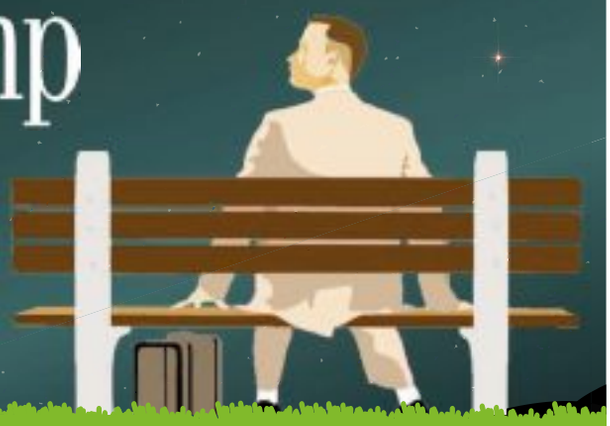

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WHAT'SONROUND-UP

One truly scrumptious family musical for all

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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Comedian Jason Manford will play the role of Caractacus Potts when the much-loved musical Chitty Chitty Bang Bang flies into town.

The cast also features Phill Jupitus (The Producers, Hairspray) as Lord Scrumptious/Baron Bomburst and Claire Sweeney (Brookside, Hairspray) as Baroness Bomburst. Carrie Hope Fletcher (Les Misérables, War of the Worlds) will play Truly Scrumptious.

One of the world's favourite musicals, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang will have audiences of all ages flying high with its mixture of madness, intrigue and exuberance.

Can the lovable but wacky inventor, Potts, along with his two children and the gorgeous Truly Scrumptious outwit the bombastic Baron Bomburst who has decreed that all children be banished from his kingdom?

What happens when the children are caught and imprisoned by the evil Childcatcher? Will it all end happily-ever-after? Well, of course it will. There are sensational sets and stunning special effects, including Chitty, the flying car, and the memorable score, including favourites such as Truly Scrumptious, Toot Sweets, Hushabye Mountain and the Oscar-nominated title song Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

The musical comes to Northampton's Royal & Derngate from Wednesday, September 21 to Sunday, October 2.

For tickets, priced from £17 to £42.50, call 01604 624811 or visit www.royalandderngate.co.uk.

County's arts cinema listings this week

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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Here are the listings for Northamptonshire arts cinemas this week:

Errol Flynn Filmhouse
■ Finding Dory
Today
■ The Carer
Today
■ Ghostbusters
Today
■ The BFG *(pictured)*
A girl named Sophie encounters the Big Friendly Giant who, despite his intimidating appearance, turns out to be a kind-hearted soul who is considered an outcast by the other giants because, unlike them, he refuses to eat children.
Tomorrow-Wednesday
■ Up for Love
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■ Learning to Drive
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Today
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■ Me Before You
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Tomorrow-Tuesday
■ Summertime
Tuesday and Wednesday

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WHAT'SONROUND-UP

New music season is hitting all the right notes

Royal & Derngate has announced another series of top quality classical performances for its autumn 2016/summer 2017 Orchestral Season.

Included in the programme will be three concerts by its Resident Orchestra, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra - this year celebrating its 70th anniversary.

This autumn also sees the eleventh annual Malcolm Arnold Festival from October 15 -16, celebrating the life and works of the prolific Northampton-born composer.

The first of the performances from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (RPO) is on November 27.

On February 19 the Russian Masters matinee concert promises an afternoon of powerful classics led by the RPO's permanent associate conductor Grzegorz Nowak.

Ticket prices for concerts booked individually range from £16 to £35.

Further details are available at www.royalandderngate.co.uk/rpo or from the box office on 01604 624811.

Victorian horror comes alive in Jekyll & Hyde

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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Talking Scarlet bring a riveting gothic melodrama to The Core at Corby Cube from September 15 to 17 with their production based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic novel Jekyll & Hyde.

Sumptuous sets and costumes provide a brilliant backdrop for this dramatic and atmospheric tale of horror.

We follow the crazed killer who stalks the streets as blood-curdling screams are heard.

Dr Henry Jekyll believes that there are two distinct sides to men, one good and one evil.

Intent on separating the two, he succeeds in his experiments.

However in doing so he unleashes 'Hyde', a monstrous and uncontrollable alter ego.

Probably best known for playing Carlos Diaz in ITV's Emmer-dale, Gary Turner takes the role of Dr Jekyll.

The cast also includes Kim Taylforth, who may be best remembered as Nancy Rae in London's Burning and for her roles in Bad Girls and Brookside, and Marcus Hutton, who was also a regular on Brookside.

Tickets for Dr Jekyll and Hyde are priced from £13.50 to £20.50.

These can be booked by calling 01536 470 470 or visiting www.thecorecorby.com.

The play is recommended for ages seven and above.

Find out what's on
The best things to do in your spare time can be found at www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk

The King's Men go from classic to pop

A close harmony group of choral scholars from the choir of King's College, Cambridge, will be performing music from classical to pop at St Lawrence Church in Towcester at 7.30pm on September 10.

The King's Men concert will be a treat for all music-lovers as the group excels in performance and recording of classical, folk, jazz and pop music.

Proceeds will be in aid of St Michael's Church, Bradden, and repairs to The Chantry House in Towcester.

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SATURDAY

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Model railway exhibition at Cogenhoe village hall
The Northampton & District Model Railway Club are holding their annual model railway exhibition today. There will British, American and continental themed layouts in different gauges together with demonstrations,trade stands, society stands, refreshments and a tombola. Event is from 10am to 4.30pm. Entry costs £3 for adults and £2 for children.

SUNDAY

Summetime stroll through Weekley
Meet the Kettering Mind group at the Harvester restaurant and join them for a stroll along the wonderful paths and woods of Weekley. Once you've finished your walk, why not enjoy a meal at The Harvester and make the most of 20 per cent off food and drink. Each walk lasts around 45 minutes and is free to join. There are three walks on the day at 11.30am, 12.15pm and 1pm.

Monster Truck Nationals at Santa Pod Raceway
The UK's most powerful Monster Trucks battle it out for supremacy. Nowhere in the UK can you see so many Monster Trucks gathered in one place. The day is aimed squarely at families and offers a true spectacle for kids of all ages. Nitro the Dragon's Family Pit Party kicks things off in style, with a pit walkabout in the morning where fans can meet and greet the drivers and get up close and personal with the trucks. Event is from 10am-4pm. Tickets are £14 for adults and £6 for children.

Summer of Love

Behind every myth there is a reality. This is true about the Summer of Love in 1967 in San Francisco.

Those who lived through the Summer of Love or those who have read about it have an idealistic vision of what it was like.

What this eye opening documentary on PBS America on Friday will do is open your eyes to the fact thousands of young people from across the USA descended on San Francisco and in particular one district Haight Ashbury - the epicentre of the hippy universe. The reality is the city could not cope with 100,000 young people trying to squeeze in such a small area.

Everyone wanted to come to this utopia to experience the hippy culture and lifestyle but even utopia is just that an idea which cannot match reality.

Thanks to this documentary it is fascinating to get individuals' first hand experiences about how the dream turned sour and how they knew it was all over for good.

Summer of Love is on PBS America at 9pm on Friday.

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George and Ringo's first bolthole

The Beatles left Liverpool for the capital in 1963 having just scored their first number one hit Please Please Me - but the four were so fabulous that, besieged by fans, they soon became too famous for hotels.

As Beatlemania really kicked in at the end of the year, manager Brian Epstein suggested George and Ringo should move into his apartment block, and the two bandmates set up a bachelor pad in an apartment at Whaddon House in a small, private street near Harrods.

The block witnessed some legendary parties, most memorably one star-studded bash which saw all four Beatles in attendance along with Mick Jagger, Keith Richards and Judy Garland. The celebrations moved to the roof of the building where a makeshift ballroom - complete with red carpet - was set up in a marquee.

They were robbed in 1964 with burglars making off with cufflinks, souvenirs and cash. And with a world tour looming and aspirations of cracking America a year later, Whaddon House was also where The Beatles famously met before heading to Buckingham Palace to receive their MBEs from the Queen.

Soon afterwards, George moved to Esher and Ringo headed to Marylebone.

A three-bedroom lateral apartment in the block is now on the market for £3.5m.

It's been given a glitzy makeover of late, and boasts an open-plan reception and kitchen with under-lit and mirrored bar area, and decked balcony through sliding glass double doors. The master bedroom has an en-suite, with its own dressing room.

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Does it have a presidential suite?

One of Hillary Clinton's less pressing problems is what to call husband Bill should she make White House history – as former presidents are still known as Mr President.

Her hubby has helped raise £2bn for good causes with his eponymous foundation in New York since leaving office, but before polling day in November he might have to decide whether to give up this work during his wife's term in office, just like Michelle Obama and Hillary did when they moved to Washington with their partners.

Clinton isn't afraid to challenge the status quo – as a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University in 1968, he opposed the war, helping to arrange a 'teach-in' in London as well as a demonstration outside the US embassy and has since famously admitted to at least one embarrassing experience while studying in the city - he smoked marijuana (although supposedly didn't inhale).

Clinton shared a house at 46 Leckford Road in Oxford where, rather ironically, infamous drug smuggler Howard Marks later lived during the early 1970s, while on bail. The Welsh cannabis smuggler-turned-author, who achieved notoriety through high-profile court cases, died earlier this year, after campaigning publicly for changes in drugs legislation.

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A Hollywood giant's farm

Best known as a multi-married film star with extravagant jewellery, Elizabeth Taylor was tabloid fodder for her seesawing weight and battles with addiction. But the Oscar-winning actress also had a stint as a politician's wife and owner of a huge cattle farm.

Taylor, who died age 79 in 2011, got hitched to conservative politician John Warner after her second divorce from Richard Burton in 1976; they hit it off on a blind date at the White House during a visit from the Queen and married five months later.

Taylor became a political wife, campaigning hard to get her husband elected to the Senate by attending endless charity benefits, shaking

hundreds of hands, and speaking at public functions. "It was so boring. That's why I put on so much weight," she confessed.

The farm reminded her of growing up in England and at first she was happy at being 'put out to pasture as the wife of a country squire', and riding horses. However, Taylor decided to resume her career in 1982 and go back to Broadway. They were divorced the same year and Warner sold the 400-acre Atoka Farm in 1994.

The estate, near Middleburg, Virginia, has just been sold again for $8.17m. Dating from 1860, it has five bedrooms on three levels with an indoor pool and tennis court.

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Donald's first dip into the mansion market

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The bullish billionaire's campaign is starting to look a bit shaky, but he certainly knows what he's doing when it comes to bricks and mortar and has collected a formidable property portfolio.

Trump could take his pick of many opulent digs if he doesn't get the keys to the White House. His main home is a glitzy three-level £100m penthouse at Trump Tower on New York's Fifth Avenue. He's also got a

60-room mansion in Bedford, New York, a home with vineyard and winery on 2,000 acres in Virginia, and a six-bedroom pad in Beverly Hills, along with the whopping Mar-A-Lago mansion with 100 rooms.

Trump and first wife Ivana bought his starter mansion, a 5.8-acre home on a peninsula in Greenwich for $4m in 1982. When they divorced in 1991, she won the mansion in the property settlement and sold it later for $15m.

It has eight bedrooms, as well as a cinema, tennis courts, pool, putting green, a private boat dock, and the current owners have even knocked $9m off the home's asking price.

But if that's still too steep for a Trump fan, his modest six-bed boyhood home in Queens, New York, is up for sale at $1.65m.

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The island where Gareth proposed

Gareth Bale led a European Championship campaign that will go down in Welsh football history, scoring three times before his team lost to Portugal in the semi-finals.

It was a decade since the Real Madrid star had made his senior international debut in 2006, becoming the youngest player to represent the nation. He's now in the superstar league, pocketing about £290,000 a week from the club as well as a £500,000 bonus after they won the Champions League in May.

Three years ago Bale cashed in on growing global fame after trademarking his goal celebration and shirt number, the 'Eleven of Hearts' in a move expected to net the Welshman more than £10m a year.

And he wore his heart on his sleeve last month by popping the question to partner, childhood sweetheart Emma Rhys-Jones, on a private Mediterranean island before celebrating with a golf tour in Scotland and Wales.

Bale was thought to have paid

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more than £400,000 to rent the luxury retreat of Tagomago, a five-minute boat ride from Ibiza. The couple stayed in a five double-bedroom villa on the private island, which comes with its own lighthouse.

He also forked out for full board and round-the-clock service from two chefs, a personal butler, two maids, boat captain, gardener and mechanic.

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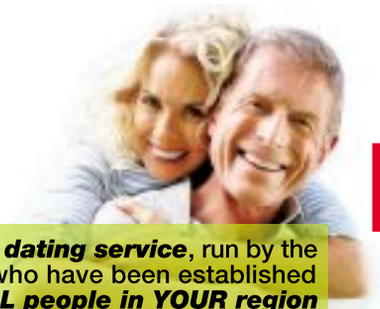

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ALISON, lonely shy blue eyed blonde, 46, just wanting to be loved, looking for caring man to pamper in return for mutual TLC. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 422859**

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SARA 34yr old single mum looking for a genuine male to make me laugh again and help put the spark back into my life. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 422541**

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IAN, 56, kind hearted, likes anything in life, WLTM female early to late 50s. **Text only Mailbox: 4371824**

TALL male 31, black hair, blue eyes, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 304387**

ROB, 5ft10, medium build, looking for no strings, daytime fun, with like-minded female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 421423**

RETIRED widower, 5'7'', slim salt/pepper hair, quite active, interests vary, loyal, trustworthy, reliable, seeks mature lady for friendship. **Text only Mailbox: 4906469**

YOUNG looking 30s male, five foot eight, slim, blonde hair, blue-eyes, looking for naughty 40s female, for adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 420513**

MALE wishes to meet female, early to late 50s for nights in and nights out. **Text only Mailbox: 4371824**

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RYAN, spontaneous, GSOH, tactile seeks pretty lady friend/LTR. Cambs area. **Text only Mailbox: 4886067**

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BILL, 65, young looking, very fit and active, own home and business, lives in nice village, likes most things in life, looking for an Asian/Chinese lady, 35-45, looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 423081**

MATURE male seeking fun times, Coventry area. **Text only Mailbox: 4830151**

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MID 50's male, seeks attractive, black female, any age for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 384483**

TALL male 56, seeks close adult fun with open-minded woman, 40 to 75, any status or size. **Text only Mailbox: 5410860**

MALE, 72, smart, fit, enjoys life, country walks and the coast, pub lunches, fun to be with, seeks similar female, Cambridge/Suffolk/Norfolk areas preferred. **Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 422995**

MICHAEL, from Cambridge, 5ft8, looking for a lady who would like a good time. **Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 422979**

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58YR old slim, Nortampton bi male, seeks similar bi/CD male for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 399445**

50YR old bi male, seeks bi/CD for lots of fun and games. **Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 405835**

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Fresh look for new Fiorino

BY CHRIS RUSSON

IT was the van that established a new segment in the commercial vehicle market and now the Fiat Fiorino has been updated to make it even more user-friendly.

The new Fiorino retains the compact dimensions that make it nimble in cities, agile in traffic and easy to park, without sacrificing any of its remarkable load capacity.

The new model introduces some modern design touches inside and out, with new features that deliver top class performance, low running costs and good levels of comfort and functionality.

In terms of style, the front bumper has been completely redesigned in line with the rest of the Fiat van range while retaining the characteristic high-mounted headlamps.

New 15-inch wheel covers and 15-inch, diamond finish, burnished alloy wheels completes the external revisions.

The new Fiorino retains its squared-off load compartment accessible through large rear doors that open to 180 degrees.

The door handles can be approached from either side and opened with minimal effort.

Functional options include a folding, retractable passenger seat which can be used as a desk or folded flat to carry objects of up to 2.5 metres in length.

The passenger compartment has also been revised to make it more comfortable and ergonomic.

A redesigned steering wheel is available with remote stereo controls and leather trim,.

The instruments cluster gets new graphics with permanent backlighting and a new, more functional storage compartment.

A new five-inch colour touch-screen infotainment system is also offered for the first time, with Bluetooth, USB/AUX port and available satellite navigation and DAB radio.

The line-up of engines - all Euro 6 - features two turbo-diesel 1.3-litre MultiJet II engines as well as a 77hp 1.4-litre petrol unit.

A new EcoJet version employs additional fuel-saving technologies such as start/stop, a 'smart' alternator and a variable displacement oil pump.

The latest Fiorino has all the safety systems of its predecessor, including ABS with EBD, ESC complete with traction a hill start assist functions as standard. Parking sensors and front passenger and side airbags area available as options.

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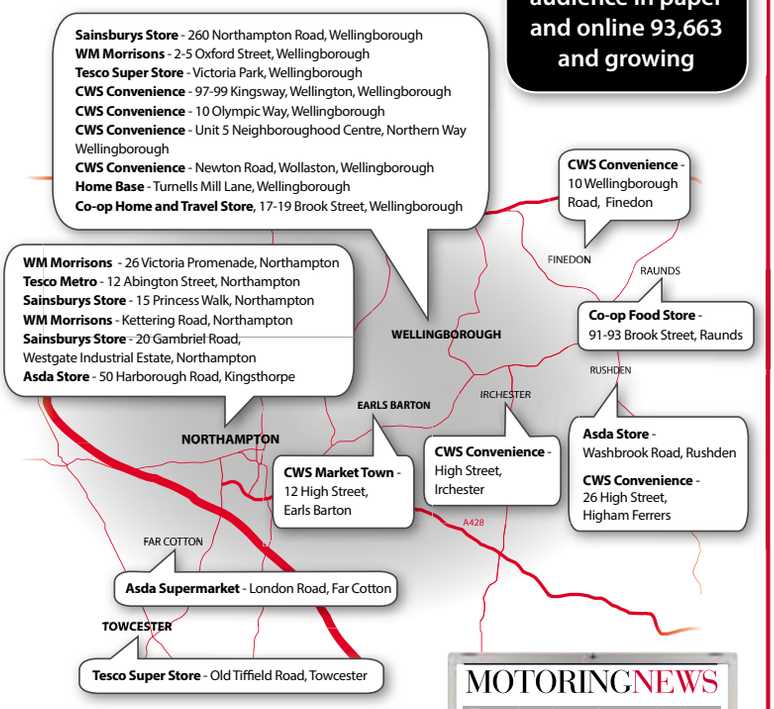

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DS 3 Cabrio 1.6 BlueHDi Prestige

Take a look inside. . .

BY ROBIN ROBERTS

DOES soft-top or hardtop move you? Ok, how about a sort of between-Brexit model we'll call a Cabrio. DS parent Citroen has always taken a walk along the wild side with its models and styling so the Cabrio is entirely natural.

What's not natural is a wide range which puts other makers to shame and means the DS 3 Cabrio buyer has almost as much choice as the DS 3 hardtop chooser.

Essentially there are six models with petrol or diesel engines but only one automatic version and priced from about £16,300 to £24,800. Our Prestige sits mid-range with its low emissions turbo-diesel BlueHDi engine.

There is a good spread of pulling power from the 1,600cc engine and so long as you wisely use the six gears it moves along briskly once you are underway.

The clutch has a surprisingly long travel but the lever is satisfyingly direct, underfoot the brakes had strong power but lacked as much progressive feel as I would like.

Behind the powered steering wheel the DS 3 responded with a little deadness but its turning circle was good for town and country use and it was very steady at motorway speed.

Secondary controls were scattered about the fascia and some of the dials were not easy to read, particularly in bright sunlight, which is not what you'd expect in a convertible or Cabrio.

A very small boot of just 245 litres would seriously limit your away day adventure so you may want to toss everything on the back seat and go just two-up.

I also found myself between votes on visibility. The DS was not brilliant when the roof was in place but dropping it simply pushed it all back on top of the luggage area and you could see even less behind but more to the sides.

The roof retracted electrically in stages at the push of a button and closed just as easily.

There is no doubt the Cabrio is a comfortable choice for a journey, for two anyway, and it's economical yet lively.

The reality is that the market offering four-seater convertibles or cabriolets is really very small in the UK so any model is very welcome and with DS 3 Cabrio BlueHDi you have a particularly striking and stylish economical car which offers some but few real compromises.

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Motoring News

Mazda adds extra 6 appeal

By: Chris Russon

IMPROVEMENTS are being made to the Mazda6 as the Japanese car maker gives its large saloon and estate car a mid-life upgrade. A torque vectoring system is being added to give the cars more traction, cabin noise levels are being reduced and some new technology is coming on board. The engine line up, which features Mazda's fuel-efficient SKYACTIV system, remains unchanged with 2.0-litre petrol and 2.2-litre diesels but changes are being made to the diesel to make it more responsive. Additional body insulation is also being fitted to make the cabin quieter. Inside, there's a new-look steering wheel and the new Mazda6 has an updated head-up display using high resolution imagery. There's also a new 4.6-inch full colour TFT driver information screen and a traffic sign recognition system which recognises no entry signs and also gives speed alerts. On the safety front, Mazda has replaced the car's laser operated emergency braking system with a forward sensing camera set up which widens the speed range for detecting other vehicles. Prices for the new Mazda6 range will be announced closer to the on-sale date later this year.

Honda's Insight into future motoring

By: Ian Johnson

THERE are few joys in negotiating busy morning town traffic, but just now and again there is a ray of sunshine when you spot a real rarity. This happened to me when I found myself waiting next to one of the most amazing cars that arrived on British shores at the dawn of the 2000s. It was a first generation Honda Insight, the initial production vehicle to feature Honda's Integtrated Motor Assist hybrid drive. With its futuristic looks incorporating spatted-in rear wheels, this car was more reminiscent of Thunderbirds than the average British driveway and was regarded at first as an automotive oddity. But the Insight was a main driver into the field of hybrid driving and has become a significant milestone in UK motoring history. It featured optimized aerodynamics and a lightweight aluminum structure to maximize fuel efficiency and minimize emissions. Even as late as 2014 the first generation Insight still ranked as the most fuel-efficient United States Environmental Protection Agency certified petrol-fuelled vehicle, with a highway rating of 74 mpg and combined city/highway rating of 64 mpg. The first-generation Insight was only produced as a two-seater with initially a single trim level, manual transmission and optional air conditioning. The only major change during its life span was the introduction of a trunk mounted, front controlled, multiple-disc CD changer. In addition to the hybrid drive system, the Insight was small, built of light materials and streamlined with a drag coefficient of 0.25. The petrol engine was a three-cylinder unit of 67bhp and utilised lightweight aluminum, magnesium, and plastic to

minimize weight. The electric motor assist gave another 13bhp and a maximum of 49 Nm of torque when called on, with the aim to boost performance to the level of a typical 1.5-litre petrol engine. It also acted as a generator during deceleration and braking to recharge the vehicle's batteries, and as the Insight's starter motor. The Insight was assembled at the Honda factory in Suzuka, Japan. With its aluminum body and frame, the Insight was an expensive car to produce and was never designed for high-volume sales. Instead, it was designed to be a real world test car for hybrid technology and a gauge to new consumer driving habits.

IGNIS REIGNITED BY SUZUKI

By: Chris Russon

ANOTHER blast from the past is on the way from Suzuki which is reviving the Ignis name for its new compact crossover. The new-look Ignis will have its debut next month at the Paris Motor Show before going on sale next January. Like the new Baleno hatchback - which Suzuki launched only a few months ago and brought back a name it last used almost 20 years ago - the Ignis will have a hybrid powertrain for added economy as well as lightweight underpinnings for the body. Suzuki will also be revealing a revised version of the SX4 S-Cross at the Paris show. The facelifted model - which comes with a striking new front grille and other styling revisions - features 1.0-litre and 1.4-litre Boosterjet direct-injection turbo engines that replace the existing 1.6 petrol unit. The 1.6 DDiS engine will stay in the new S-Cross range which will be launched in the UK in mid-October. The last time Suzuki had an Ignis in its range was eight years ago when the name was used on a medium-sized hatchback which was on sale in Britain from 2003 to 2008.

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MOTORINGNEWS

POWER HIKE FOR NEW RANGE ROVERS

By: Chris Russon

THE most powerful Range Rover to date will be going on sale by the end of the year.

The SVAutobiography Dynamic has a 5.0-litre supercharged V8 engine with 550 horsepower on tap – and a price tag starting at £132,800.

Created by Land Rover's new Special Vehicle Operations division, the potent Range Rover shares its engine with the Range Rover Sport SVR and has a 0 to 60 acceleration time of 5.1 seconds.

With a revised suspension set up to handle the added power the car sits half-an-inch lower than the standard model.

It is also fitted with electronic Dynamic Response and Adaptive Dynamics systems to improve body control – and is the first Range Rover to feature red brake Brembo calipers.

High performance styling features include a quad exhaust system and the car is available with a choice of 21 or 22-inch alloys.

Land Rover is also introducing a 3.0-litre supercharged V6 petrol engine into the new Range Rover line up. Developing 340ps it gives the vehicle a 0 to 60 time of 7.1 seconds with emissions of 248g/km equating to 24.6mpg.

Other revisions for the new Range Rover series include additional driver safety features such as autonomous emergency braking and lane departure warning as standard.

The new line up is priced from £76,350 for the TDV6 diesel – an increase of around £500 over the current model

SHARP NEW i30 REVEALED BY HYUNDAI By: Chris Russon

HYUNDAI has released teaser images of its new i30 hatchback which is due to have its world premiere prior to the Paris Motor Show in September.

The car, a rival to the Ford Focus, builds on the Korean company's new design theme created by styling chief Peter Schreyer and first seen on the larger Tucson SUV.

Schreyer says the car has been designed with European tastes in mind and it will be built at the Hyundai factory in the Czech Republic.

"The new Generation i30 is a car for everybody," said Schreyer, who is now the president and chief design officer of Hyundai Motor Group.

"From a design perspective, we haven't just considered one customer; we have focused on a wide range of different people.

"This model showcases an evolution of Hyundai Motor's design language with natural flowing lines, refined surfaces and a sculpted body to create a timeless appearance. We are also introducing our further developed grille: the Cascading grille."

The current i30, which arrived in the UK four years ago, has proved to be a popular seller and has helped boost Hyundai's small car range which also includes the i10 city car.

Last year, Hyundai sales grew by more than three per cent in Britain and the company is close to selling 100,000 models a year putting it into the top 10 car brands.

The new model, which will be the third generation i30, will be revealed on September 7 in Germany before its public debut at the Paris show at the end of the month.

KEEN PRICE FOR NEW AUDI CROSSOVER BY: CHRIS RUSSON

AUDI'S new Q2 crossover will cost from £20,230 when a 1.0-litre model joins the line up later this year.

The company has announced it will also be releasing a high specification first edition version when the newcomer arrives in November.

The initial range will be priced from £22,380 for a 1.4-litre petrol Q2 in SE trim with other derivatives being rolled out into 2017.

As well as the three-cylinder 1.0-litre model Audi plans to introduce 2.0-litre turbo quattro Q2 by the middle of next year.

All models will be fitted with full smartphone connectivity and Audi's new electro-mechanical power steering system which changes the feel of the vehicle depending on the speed.

The range topping Q2 Edition #1 will be priced from £31,370 and will be finished in a two-tone grey colour scheme with 19-inch alloy wheels and leather sports seats.

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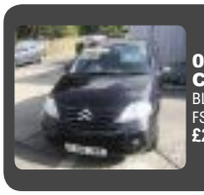

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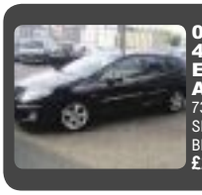

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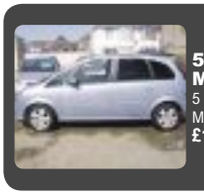

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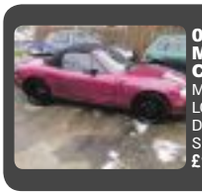

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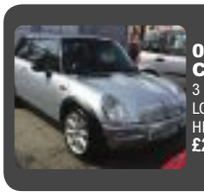

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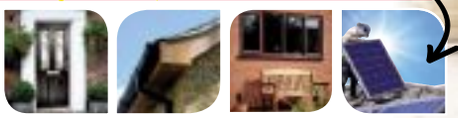

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Secretary of State gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of the cul-de-sac east of Murswell Lane, at Silverstone in the District of South Northamptonshire.

If made, the Order would authorise the stopping up only to enable development as permitted by The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government under appeal reference APP/Z2830A/12/2183859 and by South Northamptonshire Council under references S/2014/2082/MAO and S/2015/0080/MAR.

Copies of the draft Order and relevant plan will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at Silverstone Post Office and Stores, 5 High Street, Silverstone, NN12 8US in the 28 days commencing on 18 August 2016, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the address stated below quoting NATTRAN/EM/S247/2323.

Any person may object to the making of the proposed order by stating their reasons in writing to the Secretary of State at nationalcasework@dft.gsi.gov.uk or National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR, quoting the above reference. Objections should be received by midnight on **15 September 2016.** Any person submitting any correspondence is advised that your personal data and correspondence will be passed to the applicant/agent to be considered. If you do not wish your personal data to be forwarded, please state your reasons when submitting your correspondence.

D Hoggins, Casework Manager

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Department for Transport

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Secretary of State gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of a northern and southern part width of Grays Close at Paulerspury in the District of South Northamptonshire.

If made, the Order would authorise the stopping up only to enable development as permitted by South Northamptonshire District Council, under reference S/2014/2208/MAF.

Copies of the draft Order and relevant plan will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at Paulerspury Village Hall, High Street, Paulerspury, Towcester, NN12 7NA in the 28 days commencing on 18 August 2016, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the address stated below (quoting NATTRAN/EM/S247/2212).

Any person may object to the making of the proposed order by stating their reasons in writing to the Secretary of State at nationalcasework@dft.gsi.gov.uk or National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR, quoting the above reference. Objections should be received by midnight on **15 September 2016**. Any person submitting any correspondence is advised that your personal data and correspondence will be passed to the applicant/agent to be considered. If you do not wish your personal data to be forwarded, please state your reasons when submitting your correspondence.

S Zamenzadeh, Casework Manager

FERENC ZSOVAK
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INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

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NO 70456 of 2007 **RE: ROBERT JAMES BEECH**
CURRENTLY A SUBCONTRACTOR OF 552 KETTERING ROAD, NORTHAMPTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE NN3 6HN.
D.O.B: 25 May 1959
NOTE: the above-named was discharged from the proceedings and may no longer have a connection with the addresses listed.
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NO 70860 of 2008 **RE: GLORIA ELIZABETH KASA AKA GLORIA ELIZABETH MEDHURST**
Who at the date of the bankruptcy order, 25 June 2008 resided at 26 Pyghtle, Earls Barton, Northampton, Northants NN6 0LG.
D.O.B: 14 February 1973
NOTE: the above-named was discharged from the proceedings and may no longer have a connection with the addresses listed.
I intend to pay within four months from *9th September 2009* (being the last day for proving) the first and final dividend of 5.03 p/£.
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NO 70399 of 2009 **RE: SIMON ROY DERVILLER**
Who at the date of the bankruptcy order 16/01/2009, a self employed photographer of 21 Laneham Place, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2UN lately residing at 5 Herrieffs Farm Road, Northants, NN13 7TA and lately at 2 Water Close, Old Stratford, Milton Keynes, MK19 6NZ and trading as F Stop Studios from Barn 6 & 7 Beachampton Business Park, Potash Farm, Nash Road, Beachampton, Milton Keynes, MK19 6EA
D.O.B: 05 August 1971
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Local Authority Notices

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC BYWAY TB15 – PARISH OF GREAT DODDINGTON & PUBLIC BYWAY TV15 – PARISH OF WOLLASTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above Order made by Northamptonshire County Council on 3rd March 2016 and which came into effect on 3rd March 2016 has been extended until the works to which it relates have been completed or until midnight on 3rd September 2017 whichever is sooner by the Secretary of State for Transport. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said byways is unaffected.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required in the interest of health and safety.
Dated this 18th day of August 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Law & Governance
PKG/ROW/243

To view the map for this Order please visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk and enter "Temporary Traffic Regulations Orders" in the search box. If you require any further information please contact Katie Angel on 01604 883541.

SCHEDULE
(Lengths of byways to be closed)

The section of Public Byway TB15 in the Parish of Great Doddington and also the section of The Nene Way to be closed to equestrians, cyclists and motorists commences off High Street, Great Doddington at point A on the Order Map at National Grid Reference (NGR) SP 8842 6492. The route then travels generally south east for 90 metres to point B at the junction with Public Footpath TB6 at NGR SP 8848 6485. The route is shown by a solid black line between points A-B.
The section of Public Byway TB15 in the Parish of Great Doddington to be closed to all traffic (being pedestrians, equestrians, cyclists and motorists) commences at point B at NGR SP 8848 6485 the route then proceeds generally east south east for 633 metres to point C at NGR SP8907 6472 at the junction with Public Footpath TB13. The route is shown by a solid black line between points B-C.
The section of Public Byway TB15 in the Parish of Great Doddington and also the section of The Nene Way to be closed to equestrians, cyclists and motorists commences at point C at NGR SP 8907 6472 and proceeds west south west following the River Nene for 230 metres to point D at NGR SP8887 6460 at the junction with Public Footpath TB6. The route is shown by a solid black line between points C-D.
The section of Public Byway TB15 in the Parish of Great Doddington and Public Byway TV15 in the Parish of Wollaston to be closed to equestrians, cyclists and motorists commences at point D at NGR SP8887 6460 and proceeds south south east for 13 metres, crossing the river, past Wollaston Mill to the parish boundary at point E at NGR SP8887 6459. The route then continues as Public Byway TV15 in the Parish of Wollaston for 179 metres crossing the river to terminate at the Road to Doddington Crossing at point F at NGR SP8895 6444. The route is shown by a solid black line between points D-E-F.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE:
The alternative route for equestrians, cyclists and all motor vehicles begins at Point A on the Order Map at NGR SP 8842 6492. It then heads generally West along High Street and onto Earls Barton Road for 1351 metres to the cross roads just outside Great Doddington at Point G at NGR SP 8730 6424. The alternative route then heads South East along Hardwater Road passing over the two bridges near the mill and continuing to follow the road for 1144 metres to Ryeholmes Bridge at Point H at NGR SP 8830 6330. The route continues to follow the road east for 764 metres to Point I at NGR SP 8906 6340. The route then travels north along the road to Doddington Crossing for 1048 metres to Point F at NGR SP 8895 6444.
The route is shown by a broken black line between points A – G – H – I – F.
The alternative route for pedestrians in relation to the closure of TB15 between points A – B starts at point A at NGR SP8842 6492. It travels approximately 63 metres generally north east along the highway footway of High Street to the start of footpath TB6 at point J at NGR SP8846 6496. The route then travels generally south west for approximately 115 metres to point B at NGR SP8848 6485.
The alternative route is shown by a broken black line between points A – J – B.

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (FOOTPATH HW19 BETWEEN SADDLEBACK ROAD & DUSTON ROAD, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit pedestrians from proceeding along that length of footpath HW19 between Saddleback Road and Duston Road, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF FOOTPATH TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of footpath HW19 between Saddleback Road and Duston Road, Northampton from Duston Road to Saddleback Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of new electricity cables.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 22nd August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the footpath will be restricted until 5th September 2016.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: use Duston Road and Saddleback Road.

Dated this 18th day of August 2014

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Director of Law & Governance
PKG/T16/301

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (HIGH STREET, KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of High Street, Kingsthorpe, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of High Street, Kingsthorpe, Northampton from Harborough Road to Welford Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during a crane being on the carriageway.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st October 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Welford Road, Acre Lane, Birch Barn Way and Harborough Road.

Dated this 18th day of August 2016

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Director of Law & Governance
PKG/T16/313

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A6 FINEDON ROAD, IRTHLINGBOROUGH & IRTHLINGBOROUGH ROAD, FINEDON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of the A6 Finedon Road, Irthlingborough and Irthlingborough Road, Finedon as set out below.

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: Those lengths of the A6 Finedon Road, Irthlingborough and Irthlingborough Road, Finedon from Addington Road to A510 Thrapston Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety carriageway patching and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 30th August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the roads will be restricted for up to two days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use A510, A14 and A45.

Dated this 18th day of August 2016

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PENNINE WAY, DUSTON, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & TEMPORARY NO WAITING, LOADING OR UNLOADING AT ANY TIME) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding, waiting, loading or unloading at any time along that length of Pennine Way, Duston, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Pennine Way, Duston, Northampton from Malvern Grove to Mendip Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during footway reconstruction works and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th September 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the roads will be restricted until 11th November 2016 when signed.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Malvern Grove, Chiltern Avenue and Mendip Road.

Dated this 18th day of August 2016

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Local Authority Notices

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (LONDON ROAD, WOLLASTON) (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council propose to make an Order under Section 84 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") to prohibit any motor vehicle from travelling at a speed exceeding 40 mph along that length of London Road, Wollaston between a point 85 metres south of its junction with The Pyghtles and a point 280 metres south of that junction.

A COPY of the proposed Order, together with a plan showing the exact length of road to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected at Wollaston Library, Newton Road, Wollaston during its normal opening times or at the offices of the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton during normal office hours.

OBJECTIONS to the proposed Order, stating the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Traffic Orders Section, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton NN1 5NX by 8th September 2016.

Dated this 18th day of August 2016

QUENTIN BAKER,
Director of Law and Governance
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MILLWAY, DUSTON) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Millway, Duston as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Millway, Duston from Stanfield Road to Main Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of new gas connection.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 22nd August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to four days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Main Road, Melbourne Lane, Orchard Way and Stanfield Road.

Dated this 18th day of August 2016

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Director of Law & Governance
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GREAT BILLING WAY, NORTHAMPTON) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Great Billing Way, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Great Billing Way, Northampton from Blackthorn Road to Rectory Farm Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway resurfacing, anti-skid and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th September 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 14th September 2016.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Talavera Way, Lings Way and Wellingborough Road.

Dated this 18th day of August 2016

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Director of Law & Governance
PKG/T16/347

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Banbury Lane, Blakesley as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Banbury Lane, Blakesley from Litchborough Road and Church Street.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during repairs to leaking Anglian Water main.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 24th August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Litchborough Road, Church Street, The Green, Quinbury End and Maidford Road.

Dated this 18th day of August 2016

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BEDFORD ROAD, NORTHAMPTON) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Bedford Road, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Bedford Road, Northampton from Liliput Road roundabout to Barnes Meadow interchange.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety carriageway repairs and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 30th August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to two days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Liliput Road, Berryport Road, Salthouse Road, Rhosili Road, Caswell Road and A45.

Dated this 18th day of August 2016

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (RYELAND ROAD, DUSTON, NORTHAMPTON) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Ryeland Road, Duston, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Ryeland Road, Duston, Northampton from Main Road to Wrenbury Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway resurfacing, anti-skid and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 12th September 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 23rd September 2016.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Main Road and Malpas Drive.

Dated this 18th day of August 2016

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NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
THE TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011

N/2016/0778 5 Tyebeck Court
First floor extension above garage to rear to create a flat roof dormer, single storey extension to rear and installation of garden retaining wall. Within a Conservation Area

N/2016/0933 Rosevilla Farmhouse, 24 Main Road, Duston
Single storey rear extension. Within a Conservation Area. Listed Building

N/2016/0934 Rosevilla Farmhouse, 24 Main Road, Duston, Northampton, NN5 6JB
Listed Building application for single storey rear extension Within a conservation area Listed building

N/2016/0944 35 Cranstoun Street
Two storey rear extension. Within a Conservation Area

N/2016/0976 Matrix House, 51 Billing Road
Replace grey aluminium windows with white UPVC. Within a Conservation Area

N/2016/0979 H Brown Removals, 174 St Andrews Road
Reserved matters application pursuant to outline planning permission N/2010/0785 (demolition of existing business units and erection of 14no. 2 bed and 8no. 1 bed apartments, formation of new access and parking areas) for approval of appearance and landscaping. Major Application

N/2016/1007 Former Green Oaks Primary School, Bective Road
Full planning application for 82 residential dwellings including parking and open space with access from Bective Road. Major Application. Application not in accordance with the development plan

N/2016/1018 5 St Georges Avenue
Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension. Within a Conservation Area

Members of the public may inspect copies of any application, plans and any other documentation submitted by visiting the Council Offices, One Stop Shop, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE during all reasonable office hours. Alternatively the plans can be viewed via the Council's website (www.northampton.gov.uk) using the Search for Planning Applications page. This will also tell you the current status of the application together with other useful information. Anyone who wishes to make representations about any applications should write to the Planning Division, Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE or email planning@northampton.gov.uk by: 8 September 2016

S P Boyes, Director – Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning
Northampton Borough Council

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC BYWAY SC14 & SC43 – PARISH OF WAPPENHAM, PUBLIC BYWAY RA24 & PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY RA43 – PARISH OF ABTHORPE & PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY RX36 – PARISH OF SILVERSTONE) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit all motor propelled vehicles, pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists from proceeding along those lengths of Public Byways and Bridleways in the Parishes of Wappenham, Abthorpe and Silverstone as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said lengths of byways and bridleways is unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The existing route of SC14 to be closed begins at point A at National Grid Reference ('NGR') SP6380 4456, at the junction with SC40. The route travels generally east along the full length of SC14, SC43 and RA24 for a total distance of approximately 2308 metres to point B at NGR SP6600 4474.
The route is shown by a solid black line between points A – B.
The route of RA43 to be closed starts at point C at NGR SP6517 4581, at the junction with RA19, RA23 and RA30. The route travels generally south along the full length of RA43 and RX36 for approximately 2093 metres to point D at NGR SP6492 4381.
The route is shown by a solid black line between points C – D.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for public safety due to the surface of the byways being destroyed.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into effect on 25th August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: There is no suitable alternative route.

Dated this 18th day of August 2016

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Director of Law & Governance
PKG/ROW/267

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (HIGH STREET, WELLINGBOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of High Street, Wellingborough as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of High Street, Wellingborough from Church Street to Queen Street.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st September 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Broad Green, Harrowden Road, Niort Way, Park Farm Way, Northampton Road and Oxford Street.

Dated this 18th day of August 2016

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Director of Law & Governance
PKG/T16/362

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (THE DRIVE, NORTHAMPTON) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of The Drive, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of The Drive, Northampton from the junction of Oakwood Road to Collingwood Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during repairs to sewer.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th September 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 8th October.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Oakwood Road, The Vale and Collingwood Road.

Dated this 18th day of August 2016

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Director of Law & Governance
PKG/T16/364

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, ABTHORPE & TOWCESTER)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of the various roads in Abthorpe and Towcester as specified in the Schedule below.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th September 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the roads will be restricted until 16th September 2016.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: as specified in the Schedule below.

Dated this 18th day of August 2016

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SCHEDULE

Road Name	Termination Points	Alternative Route
Towcester Road, Abthorpe and Abthorpe Road, Towcester	Blakesley Road to A43	use A43, Towcester Road, Whittlebury Road, Stocks Hill, Church Street and Abthorpe Road
Abthorpe Road, Abthorpe	Towcester Road to entrance to Hayes Farm	Use Church Street, Stocks Hill, Whittlebury Road, Towcester Road, A43, Abthorpe Road and Towcester Road
Towcester Road and Wappenham Road, Abthorpe	Blakesley Road to Slapton Hill	Use Blakesley Road, High Street, Quinbury End, Maidford Road, Blakesley Road, Adstone Road, Banbury Road, Canons Ashby Road, Upper Green, Banbury Road, Banbury Lane, High Street, Weston Road, High Street, Wappenham Road, Weedon Lois Road, High Street and Abthorpe Road
Blakesley Road, Abthorpe	Towcester Road to Bury Hill	Use High Street, Quinbury End, Maidford Road, Blakesley Road, Adstone Road, Banbury Road, Canons Ashby Road, Upper Green, Banbury Road, Banbury Lane, High Street, Weston Rod, High Street, Wappenham Road, Weedon Lois Road, High Street, Abthorpe Road, Wappenham Road and Towcester Road

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BACK LANE, HOLCOT)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (INCLUDING PEDESTRIANS & EQUESTRIANS) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic, pedestrians and equestrians from proceeding along that length of Back Lane, Holcot as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Back Lane, Holcot from Sywell Road to Moulton Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of new water main.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 22nd August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 6th October 2016.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Sywell Road and Moulton Road.

Dated this 18th day of August 2016

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Flat track makes draw inevitable

CRICKET

Northamptonshire 397-7d & 118-1 drew with Leicestershire 519 & 292-6d

BY CIARAN THOMAS
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Northamptonshire's County Championship match with Leicestershire petered out to a draw at Wantage Road after the visitor's opted against setting up a final afternoon run chase.

Alex Wakely had declared Northants first innings with them 122 runs behind on the third evening, but Leicestershire batted on to reach 292-6 in their second innings, setting a nominal target of 404 in 51 overs.

Wakely made a half-century as they ensured the draw in a game where they had been under pressure at 184-5 in reply to the visitors' massive first innings total of 519, but Rob Newton's unbeaten 202, his maiden double century, ensured they avoided the follow on and any realistic chances of defeat.

Head coach David Ripley praised Newton's efforts as Northants backed up their first Championship win of the season at Glamorgan last week with another positive display, although he was left slightly frustrated at the way the final day concluded.

"We hoped with our declaration that it might be a different set up so it certainly has petered out," he said. "When we left here last night, we were hoping it might be a really good exciting couple of sessions of cricket but it wasn't to be.

"We thought with Essex looking like they were going to win, might play in favour of a game, but obviously they lost their strike bowler so understand that that's going to affect their calculations no doubt about that.

"It was a real classic opener's innings [from Newton], nice tempo all the way through, never got too far ahead of himself and played balls on merit and got his rewards, really pleased for Rob, and it was under pressure. We were under the pump and someone had to come out and play that role for us and he did it.

"On the back of the last game we wanted to break cycle of good performance, rubbish performance. We won at Glamorgan and this is a creditable draw, we had opportunities, didn't quite take them but in general over the four days we've fought hard and played pretty well."

After Newton's double hundred had taken Northants to 397-7 when Alex Wakely declared their first innings, the final day was all about Leicestershire's willingness to set a chaseable total, on a Wantage Road pitch offering little in the way of assistance.

The visitors started the day 171 runs ahead with all ten wickets in hand, but after strike bowler Clint McKay had hobbled off earlier in the match, Mark Cosgrove opted for the cautious approach, Paul Horton and Angus Robson easing to an opening partnership of 184.

Saif Zaib removed both before lunch, his maiden first-class wickets, at which point a target of 320 in 63 overs might have tempted Northants, but instead Leicesteshire batted on, adding a further 95 in 10 overs before pulling out at 292-6.

The approach drew boos from the Wantage Road faithful as Cosgrove effectively killed any chance of a positive result, however it did allow Zaib to complete a five-wicket haul, finishing with 5-148 while there was also a maiden first-class wicket for wicketkeeper David Murphy.

Newton fell for 22, bowled by Ben Raine, but that was the only alarm for Northants as they saw out the remaining 51 overs with ease, Wakely finishing unbeaten on 53 alongside Murphy, Northants reaching 118-1 when the handshakes came.

LANDMARK REACHED: Rob Newton struck the first double-century of his career on day three

GLIDING THROUGH: Juan Pablo Estelles in action for Argentina during the rugby sevens in Rio

Olympic star Estelles arrives at the Gardens

SAINTS

Northampton Saints will be welcoming an Olympian to Franklin's Gardens for the new season after announcing the signing of Argentina centre Juan Pablo Estelles on Monday.

Only last week, Estelles was in action for Los Pumas during the Olympics in Rio, as he helped them to a sixth-place finish in the rugby sevens competition after being beaten in the quarter finals by eventual silver medallists Great Britain.

The 28-year-old, who was capped once by his country in 2008, arrives from one of Argentina's oldest clubs in Atletico del Rosario and will provide competition in the centre for the likes of Luther Burrell, George Pisi and Harry Mallinder.

Estelles said about his move: "I would like to thank the Northampton Saints coaching staff for giving me this opportunity to join the club. I am delighted to have this fantastic chance to challenge myself and prove what I can do at the highest level in England.

"I am aware of the great number of world class players that the club has at its disposal and I know that there will be plenty of competition to earn a starting jersey. But I believe in my abilities and I will be working hard to make the most of this experience.

"I'm looking forward to meeting my new teammates and I will be doing all I can to help the club as we strive to achieve our goals."

Northampton director of rugby said: "Juan Pablo was part of an impressive Argentina squad at the Olympics so we know that he has the fitness levels to go straight into the Aviva Premiership.

"He's a powerful and elusive runner with a good set of handling skills as well as strong defence, and we're looking forward to seeing what he can do here at Franklin's Gardens."

Estelles becomes the fifth new arrival at Saints during the summer, along with France number 8 Louis Picamoles, South African scrum-half Nic Groom, hooker Charlie Clare and prop Matt Beesley.

Herald & Post Sport

Athletics clashes turn out to be dead heats

GRIPPED BY THE COBBLERS

BY TOM REED
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Cobblers gained two solid away draws against Charlton and Oldham Athletic but are some way short of worrying the teams challenging at the top.

Rob Page's side stretched Town's unbeaten run to 27 games with an Alex Revell header securing a 1-1 draw at the Valley before Cobblers played out a 0-0 stalemate at Oldham on Tuesday night.

Safe but uninspiring is a good way to describe Northampton, but at least target-man Revell eased Cobblers scoring problems against crisis club Charlton with a crisp 19th minute header.

Stopping Ricky Holmes was the other test that Town passed in the South London sunshine but they couldn't prevent Johnnie Jackson from drawing the Addicks level just short of the hour.

The pros and cons of the Cobblers set-up are there for all to see and lie in Page's recruitment. Indeed, the title-winning core which Page inherited in Adam Smith, Zander Diamond, Dave Buchanan & John-Joe O'Toole are all consistent and Northampton's defence is sound.

Meanwhile, Revell is an industrious if isolated figure up top. However, it looks like Town's boss has failed to produce anything like a Ricky Holmes replacement and has overloaded the squad with much-of-a-muchness wide midfielders who mostly fail to deliver a killer ball at present.

Page seems to have fallen into the Gareth Bale Spurs scenario of replacing one outstanding player with several middling ones.

Northampton are now overloaded with attacking midfielders in the form of Harry Beautyman, Alfie Potter, Emmanuel Sonupe, Lawson D'Ath, Sam Hoskins and Kenji Gorré when recruiting a single match winner would have been more productive.

Swansea loanee Gorré has been the biggest let-down, coming with rave reviews from the Swans' academy but not showing the ability to beat a man and bring the Cobblers' solitary striker into matches.

To put it bluntly, someone with a future at Premier League Swansea should be showing more in League One and with the player returning to Wales in January, Gorré has to hit the ground running.

Yet, all wingers thrive off of interplay with forwards and Northampton are clearly lacking a fox in the box. This was shown on Tuesday night when Town just couldn't trouble the Oldham net.

Defences on top as Town struggle for cutting edge

COBBLERS

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BY MATT WRIGHT
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NO BREAKTHROUGH: Northampton's Matt Taylor battles with Oldham's Ryan Flynn during a turgid encounter

Let's face it; this was a long way to travel to witness a game this bad, but it's still fair to say that this was another deserved point for Northampton Town on the road as they and Oldham Athletic battled to a standstill.

Though that's nothing to do with the contest having a relentless pace to it throughout the 90 minutes. More down to the fact that it just didn't go anywhere.

Alex Revell had a double chance early on for Northampton when he saw his header from Matt Taylor's free kick saved by Connor Ripley before he lifted the rebound over.

But this was the only opening of what was quite a dull first half-hour that saw the two sides cancel each other out.

The Cobblers' goal was threatened for the first time after 32 minutes when Aaron Phillips came to the rescue by clearing Lee Erwin's shot off the line as a chess-like first period came to a close.

It didn't exactly liven up after the restart either, although Northampton did waste a promising opening when Alfie Potter's pass meant for Sam Hoskins, which would have put him through, was over-hit.

There was a better opening with three minutes to go when Hoskins did get his pass right to Kenji Gorre, but the Swansea loanee snatched at the chance horribly and harmlessly wide it went.

Here's what we learned from a match those of a Northampton persuasion might have already forgotton about on the drive home…

The gaffer

Rob Page rewarded Hoskins for a couple of lively performances off the bench with his first start of the campaign, but he struggled to get himself involved through the middle. He was eventually swapped with Potter and moved out to the right, but this didn't improve the quality of the final pass, much to the frustration of the Cobblers' boss.

Subs were made, but it would have taken something remarkable to liven up a dud of an encounter like this.

Could be better

Northampton's passing whenever they crossed the halfway line wasn't accurate enough, which led to promising openings fizzling out or being snuffed out before their fans could get excited.

After receiving more help at Charlton at the weekend, Revell was left isolated again, making it very difficult for him to hold the ball up, as support just wasn't arriving quickly enough.

There were a couple of needless bookings for dissent as well for John-Joe O'Toole and Gabriel Zakuani. Discipline, lads. Although quite how the referee saw fit to book six visiting players is beyond me.

On the plus side

While it's been frustrating at times so far this season seeing Northampton huff and puff in attack, you can't help but feel the approach to get things right at the back first is the right one. Get the basics right and rest will follow and all that.

There were some worrying defensive performances during pre-season, but these have not been repeated with the real action now in full swing, which leads us to…

Man of the match: David Buchanan

Yep, it's gone to a defender again. The Northampton skipper didn't put a foot wrong all night, rather like how he never seemed to do so through the whole of last season.

He kept his old mate Ricky Holmes quiet at the weekend and he comfortably saw off the experienced Lee Croft before young sub Calaum Jahraldo-Martin tried and failed to get any change out of Mr Consistent either.

The opposition - 5/10

Oldham didn't do much to entertain a sparse crowd, but then neither did the Cobblers as a turgid game failed to lift itself out of mediocrity.

The Latics have a new-look squad after struggling for several years at the wrong end of League One. Let's be polite and say they remain a work in progress at this point. As do Town.

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"This is your f*****g Everest, boys."

Jim Telfer

We must be more ruthless, says Page

COBBLERS

Manager Rob Page accepts his Northampton Town side need to improve their decision-making in attack after their turgid 0-0 draw at Oldham Athletic on Tuesday night.

Chances were extremely scarce at Boundary Park, which made it all the more important that Cobblers' final ball needed to be much better in what was their third draw in three league games this season.

But they were often cut out too easily or over-hit on a night where Town could have been celebrating all three points against a spluttering Oldham outfit had they been more accurate.

Page, who admitted this wasn't quite as good a draw as last Saturday's against Charlton, said: "I thought our decision-making in the first 15 minutes, we had a great chance from a free kick.

"It drops to Revs [Alex Revell] and on another day it goes into the back of the net. It didn't drop for us that time.

"In the second half, we knew opportunities were going to be limited, we knew that when we broke and countered on them that we had to punish them and our decision-making on the ball with our final pass let us down. When you go away from home to pick up points you've got to be ruthless when you get the chances and we weren't quite there tonight."

While their attack didn't fire, Northampton's defence ensured they rarely looked in any danger of losing the match, with the back four of Aaron Phillips, Zander Diamond, Gabriel Zakuani and David Buchanan hardly putting a foot wrong between them.

Page said: "You want to win every game you play, of course you do, but it's never that easy so the start of the season [against Fleetwood] was the first time we played that back four and they've looked solid."

DEFINING PERIOD: Alex Wakely will be leading Northants in two competitions

Heading into battle

CRICKET

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It promises to be a crucial few days for Northamptonshire's season with a trip to Edgbaston for Finals Day of the NatWest T20 Blast coming up on Saturday.

But before their big day out comes another quarter final, with Surrey the visitors to Wantage Road in the last eight of the Royal London One-Day Cup this afternoon.

The Steelbacks topped the North group in the 50-over competition and are now looking to reach a first Lord's final since the Benson & Hedges Cup defeat to Lancashire in 1996.

Head coach David Ripley was part of the Northants side that reached four finals in the 80s and 90s and while T20 Finals Day may have become the showpiece occasion of the county cricket calendar, he knows how special it would be to reach Lord's on September 17.

"It's a game we're really looking forward to, obviously. Finals Day is two days after that and we've had a lot of pats on the back for that and we're looking forward to that but there's a lot of desire to get through in the 50-over competition as well," he said.

"Surrey are a good side but we've won six on the bounce here in 50-over cricket so we're full of confidence and looking forward to it. It'd be impossible not to think about it [Finals Day] but once we turn up on Thursday we'll have done our homework on Surrey, we'll talk about a Lord's final and what a great experience that is. I've been fortunate to get there four times and they're certainly highlights of my career.

"If we beat Surrey there'll be a real belief we can go on and beat anybody and that's going to be important, and taking a bit of momentum into Saturday, it'd be great to go into Finals Day on the back of a win and knowing we're in great nick."

Ripley is also waiting to see if Seekkuge Prasanna will be able to join the squad on Saturday, with his availability dependent on whether he is included in the Sri Lanka squad for their ODI series against Australia, which starts on Sunday.

"That's just kicking around the Sri Lankan cricket board at the moment, that's never an easy place to be, we'll just wait and see if he's selected," said Ripley. "There's a lot of desire for him to come back both from his side and ours, so we just need to know if he's going to be selected in the squad and if he isn't if they'll release him to come back. It's in their hands but we've got an agreement in place."

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